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SUBJ: USS LIBERTY CLAIMS

REF: TEL AVIV A-1009, JULY 6, 1968
TEL AVIV 4798, AUG 6, 1968
TEL AVIV 5539, OCT 1, 1968

1. DEPT BELIEVES WE SHOULD NOW PROCEED TO RESOLVE REMAINING USS LIBERTY PROBLEM OF CLAIM FOR DAMAGE TO SHIP (FIRST REF).

2. SINCE ISRAELI REPLY (SECOND REF) WAS WITHDRAWN AND REPLACED BY INTERIM REPLY (THIRD REF), PRESENT SITUATION IS THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO SUBSTANTIVE REPLY TO SHIP CLAIM. EMB ACCORDINGLY REQUESTED, ON APPROPRIATE OCCASION, ASR GOI WHEN WE MAY EXPECT SUBSTANTIVE REPLY. RICHARDSON

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